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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2006, indicating the allowability of Claims 17, 18, and 22, place the application in condition for allowance by moving the allowable subject matter into the independent claims as follows. As to the comment about the missing serial number, in the application papers as filed the necessary amendment was made on the transmittal form as permitted under the old amendment rules.

Respectfully submitted,



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